

## Mrs. Eleanor Philby, 54, Dead; Wrote of Life With Soviet Spy

Mrs. Eleanor Carolyn Kearns Philby, third wife of Harold A. R. (Kim) Philby, who spied for the Soviet Union for 30 years while working as a British counter-intelligence agent, died yesterday after a long illness at her home in Mendocino, Calif. Her age was 54.

Mrs. Philby, who had been suffering from cancer, moved to California about a year ago, after the publication in England of her book, "The Spy I Loved," an autobiographical work about her life with Mr. Philby. The book was published here by Ballantine Books last May under the title "Kim Philby: The Spy I Married."

Mrs. Philby, the former Eleanor Kearns of Seattle, was first married to Sam Pope Brewer, a reporter for The New York Times. They were divorced in 1958 when Mr. Brewer was Middle East correspondent for The Times, with headquarters in Beirut, Lebanon.

Philby was then in Beirut as Middle East correspondent of The Observer of London, one of Britain's leading Sunday newspapers, and The Economist, a weekly magazine.

They were married soon after her divorce, and in 1963 she followed Philby to Moscow after he had defected to the Soviet Union, exposing one of the most sensational espionage scandals in British history.

Although the couple became estranged two years later, Mrs. Philby wrote affectionately in her book about her husband's character, describing him as warm and sentimental. He was, she said, "the most lovely and devoted husband."

Philby's defection came after Western intelligence had linked him to the escape of two other British officials known to have been working for Soviet intelligence, Donald Maclean and Guy



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Burgess, who defected to Moscow in 1955.

As the highest intelligence officer in the British Embassy in Washington after the war, Philby is considered to be the most important Soviet agent to have penetrated Western intelligence.

Mrs. Philby returned to the United States in 1964 in an attempt to gain custody of her daughter, Ann Callard Brewer, who was then 15 years old. But the State Supreme Court granted custody to Mr. Brewer after an uncontested hearing.

Although the United States Immigration Service had temporarily seized Mrs. Philby's passport at the request of the State Department, she was able to return to Moscow by way of Cuba late in 1964.

After her separation from Philby in 1965, she left the Soviet Union and lived in Ireland and then in Tunis.